



Attorney Docket No. 24835

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HASHIMOTO et al.

Serial No: 09/991,751

Examiner: R. YAN

Filed: November 26, 2001

Art Unit: 2854

For: **STENCIL PRINTING MACHINE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated October 3, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire January 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed within the period for reply.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the captioned application as follows.

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